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MAGNETO-OPTICAL DISK AND RECORDING AND/OR REPRODUCING METHOD AND
RECORDING AND/OR REPRODUCING APPARATUS USING THE MAGNETO-OPTICAL DISK

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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants request that citation and examination of the references identified on the attached PTO-1449 form, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent. These references were cited in a Search Report issued in connection with European Serial No. 04009442.7. Copies of the references and the search report are attached.

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